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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

[0006] A second category is devices that insert the tee into the ground without a means of holding the tee in the device. Examples of this type of device are U.S. Patents 1,852,956 (Czichos), 1,634,652 (Czichos), 3,540,727 (Solomon), 3,658,331 (Driscoll), 3,671,036 (Rubino), 4,660,837 (Bressie), 5,885,174 (Barnes), and U.S. Patent Application Publication Number US 2002/01833138 (Malcolm). The normal method of inserting a tee in the ground, is to place a ball on the head of the tee and with both the ball and tee grasped in the hand, press on the ball to insert the tee into the ground. These devices provide a means of setting the tee height but their use takes away the ease and easily applied force of having the smooth ball against the hand. They require the user to hold the tee in the device by some means, either using two hands, or by gripping the device and the tee with one hand. Their use is at best awkward, and at worst uncomfortable.

Please replace paragraph [000166] with the following amended paragraph:

[000166] A golf tee is then inserted in the device by placing a golf ball on the concave surface of the operating knob and holding the device between two fingers and the golf ball in the palm of the hand, exerting a force on the operating knob, depressing the knob toward the device. The tee is inserted in the opening on the bottom of the device until it touches the end of the tee chamber. The force on the operating knob exerted by the palm of the hand and the fingers is then removed and the device will hold the tee by the head. Figure 13 shows the device holding a tee using 2 fingers on the device and the golf ball cradled in the heel of the hand using downward force to insert the tee into the ground. The heel of the hand is the fleshy rounded base of the palm as shown against the golf ball in figure 13.

Please replace paragraph [000152] with the following amended paragraph:

[000152] The base for the preferred embodiment is adjustable. Figure 3 shows a sectional view of the base, figure 2 shows a top view, figure 4 shows a side view, and figure 7B shows an exploded view. The base adjustment changes the distance between the top of the base and bottom (lower surface) of the base, which is also the bottom of the device. The bottom of the base is the

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part of the device that contacts the ground when setting a tee. When the tee is retained in the device, as shown in figure 6A, the top of the tee head is touching the convex top of the tee chamber. The distance from the top of the tee chamber to the bottom of the device is the height above the ground a tee will be when set by the device. Changing this distance is the adjustment of the tee-setting device that will adjust this height.